

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 1998

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Clerk of Council Kelly at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Vaughn Radi Steve Bennett

"Budd" Eversman

Chris Fulton

1. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for nominations for a Temporary Chairman. Mr. Eversman nominated Mr. Bennett. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed.

Mr. Eversman moved to appoint Mr. Bennett as the Temporary Chairman; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

2. Mr. Bennett moved to excuse President Milovich; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Mr. Bennett recognized the Mayor for a presentation. Mayor Grossman recognized Mr. William F. Lotz, Chief Building and Zoning Official, with a Proclamation and a Grove City watch. Bill will be retiring from the department in the coming months, after 20 years of service. Bill has seen many changes in the City during his tenure and his service to the community was commended.

4. Mr. Eversman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

5. Mr. Bennett read the Agenda and moved that Ordinance C-29-98 be withdrawn, at the request of the Mayor, and Resolution CR-51-98 be added; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

All other items were accepted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bennett, Chairman for the Lands Committee, took the floor for discussion and voting of items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-39-98 (Accept the Annexation of 81.65 acres located South of Holton Road and East of Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney representing petitioner, requested that this be postponed until June 15, 1998 so that it will be addressed at the same time as the zoning question.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed until 6/15/98; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

2. Ordinance C-40-98 (Accept the Annexation of 1.63 acres located North of White Road and East of Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney representing petitioner, explained that this was for two private residences seeking city sewer and water.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Ordinance C-41-98 (Accept the Plat of the Resubdivision of Lots 61 to 66 inclusive, Meadow Grove South, Section No. 2) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Roland "Lum" Edwards, engineer, explained that this will allow the extension of a street, by eliminating one lot, to provide access into the Henceroth piece to the east.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

4. Ordinance C-45-98 (Accept the Plat of Concord Lakes, Section 4) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 15, 1998.

Mr. Don Wick, Rockford Homes, was present. Mr. Bennett reviewed the stipulation set forth by Planning Commission and Mr. Wick agreed to it. Mr. Radi asked how many more Sections are planned for this subdivision. Mr. Wick indicated that two (2) were remaining.

5. Ordinance C-46-98 (Approve the rezoning of the northwest and northeast corners of relocated Hoover Road and State Route 665 from R-1 to PUD-C and SD-1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 6, 1998.

Mr. Dan Schoedinger, attorney for the applicant, explained that the PUD-C zoning request was for a Kroger store with additional commercial stores and outlots. The SD-1 zoning request was for a northern portion that will be given to The Buckeye Ranch. He stated that there were many Grove City residents that work for the Kroger Company and may be working at this store who were present to show their support. He asked that they stand and a large group stood to show their support.

Mr. Bennett asked if there were specific plans for the outlot parcels. Mr. Schoedinger said not at this time. However, they understand that those parcels must undergo the Preliminary and Development Plan review before being constructed. *Mr. Eversman* asked if the gasoline station would be part of the Kroger Development Plan. Mr. Schoedinger said yes.

6. Ordinance C-47-98 (Approve the Special Use Permit for a gasoline station at the SouthGrove Shopping Center located at the northwest corner of Hoover Road and S.R. 665) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 15, 1998.

Mr. Fulton asked why Kroger was getting into the gasoline business. Mr. Bill Hoffman, Kroger Manager of Real Estate, commented that although it may be new for the metro Columbus area, they do have gas stations elsewhere. He said this is one site that has been selected in metro Columbus to place a gas station to reflect the customers request for a "one-stop-shop". *Mr. Eversman* asked when the Development Plan may be submitted. Mr. Frank Petruziello stated that it would be sometime in late summer. They need to complete the engineering work.

7. Ordinance C-48-98 (Approve the Special Use Permit for Beaver's Marathon gas station located on the west side of Broadway, at Ventura Blvd.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 15, 1998.
8. Resolution CR41-98 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement for Recreational Space) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Babbert, Dir. of Parks & Rec., requested that this be postponed until June 15, 1998 in order to provide Council with the revised Lease Agreement.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed until 6/15/98; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

9. Resolution CR42-98 (Municipal Services that can be furnished to a 0.459 acre tract located north of Southwest Blvd. and east of Hoover Rd. in Jackson Township upon its Annexation to the City of Grove City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that this is a routine resolution that provides the County Commissioners with the required services that the City can provide upon annexation. Mr. Joe Hull, attorney representing petitioner, was present.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

10. Resolution CR43-98 (Municipal Services that can be furnished to a 117.4 acre tract located north of Holton Road and east of Hoover Rd in Jackson Township upon its Annexation to Grove City) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

11. Resolution CR44-98 (Approve the Final Development Plan for Concord Lakes - Section 4) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Don Wick, Rockford Homes, was present. Mr. Bennett reviewed the stipulations set forth by Planning Commission and Mr. Wick agreed to all.

Mayor Grossman commented that the Bike Path will continue to go between lots 146 and 147, but, will follow along the east side of the retention pond with a loop at the end. *Mr. Bennett* asked if this was essentially eliminating the path directly behind the residences. Mayor Grossman said yes. *Mr. Radi* thanked the Mayor and Mr. Wick for their attention to this. He noted that Mrs. Timberlake (who was present) wrote a letter regarding this and he appreciated the move of the bike path.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

12. Resolution CR45-98 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for SouthGrove Shopping Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dan Schoedinger, attorney for petitioner, showed the preliminary site plan. He explained that there will be a pond area on the north side of the property with landscaping and benches to divide the commercial property from the Buckeye Ranch. The exterior will be a brick facade.

Mr. Bennett asked if Kroger intends to maintain their store on Stringtown Road. Mr. Schoedinger said yes. Mr. Bennett read the stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Schoedinger agreed to all.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

13. Resolution CR46-98 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for Beaver's Marathon) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representation present, Mr. Bennett read the stipulations set forth by Planning Commission.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

14. Resolution CR47-98 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for Stringtown Animal Hospital) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Maria Reichert, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Bennett read the stipulations set forth by Planning Commission and Ms. Reichert agreed to all.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

15. Resolution CR-51-98 (Approve the Final Development Plan for Sylvan Learning Center located at 3330 Park St.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Dr. Pelton Wheeler and Mr. Mike Leatherman explained that they are planning a modification to the existing elevation to allow for a new entry door. *Mr. Bennett* clarified that this did not include the Historical Preservation Area sign. Dr. Wheeler said they understood this would come later. Mr. Leatherman commented that they would also be adding a disabled ramp on the

back. *Mr. Bennett* asked if they would be adding any parking. *Dr. Wheeler* said not at this time. *Mr. Fulton* asked what the proposed use was. *Dr. Wheeler* said *Sylvan Learning Center* would be making its services available to students needing extra help with school work. They are anxious to get in and start their summer program.

There being no additional questions or comments, *Mr. Bennett* moved it be approved; seconded by *Mr. Eversman*.

<i>Mr. Eversman</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Fulton</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Radi</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Bennett</i>	Yes

The Temporary Chair recognized *Mr. Fulton*, Chairman of the Service Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-49-98 (Vacate and Re-dedicate a Sanitary Sewer Easement lying east of Broadway and north of Cleveland Avenue and running across the rear of the Schoedinger-Norris Funeral Home, 3920 Broadway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 15, 1998.

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, explained that the current description for this old easement is not very clear. This will be of benefit to the City to have a more clear description of the easement.

2. Resolution CR48-98 (A Resolution of Understanding between the City of Grove City and the YMCA of Central Ohio on a Community Recreation Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Grossman explained that the City is in a progressive state with the "Y" to work out an agreement for a facility. The "Y" is currently working with *Gahanna*, *Hilliard* and the *Olentangy Area*, as well.

There being no additional questions or comments, *Mr. Fulton* moved it be approved; seconded by *Mr. Radi*.

<i>Mr. Fulton</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Radi</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Bennett</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Eversman</i>	Yes

3. Resolution CR49-98 (Waive the provisions of Section 903.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances for the Annual Alumni Softball Tournament on July 24, 25, 26, 1998 at *Evans Park*) was given its reading and public hearing and *Mr. Fulton* moved that Section 1 be amended to read, in part, ". . . *Evans Park and/or Fryer Park* . . ."; seconded by *Mr. Eversman*.

<i>Mr. Radi</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Bennett</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Eversman</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Fulton</i>	Yes

Mr. Fulton moved to amend Section 2 to read: "The provisions shall only be waived between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to one half (1/2) hour after the last game, not to extend beyond 10:00 p.m."; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

Ms. Beth Chaney opposed the resolution. She stated that she lives on Columbus St., close to the designated area for the downtown celebration. She has picked up beer bottles and cans in front of her home from this event. She said she chooses not to go because of the alcohol. She said we can show kids that we can have fun without alcohol. Kids learn by what they see and she feels this contradicts the DARE Program and the Prom Promise. She said there are other places downtown that alcohol can be purchased. She said the effects may not be seen in the City. She knows this firsthand, because her only son was killed by a drunk driver. She reiterated that people can have a good time without the beer sales and asked Council to vote no.

Mr. Eversman noted that this Resolution is for the ball fields, the next Resolution deals with the Homecoming Celebration in the Town Center. He asked Ms. Chaney if she felt the same way with regard to the ball fields. Ms. Chaney said yes.

Mr. Rick Brunton, Sertoma member, explained that this is a fundraiser and a situation of control. They work very well with the Police Dept. each year and are able to donate \$16 - 18,000.00 to the community, in addition to the \$10,000.00 for deaf services. *Mr. Fulton* asked if there were people on hand to check ID's and look for intoxication. Mr. Brunton said that everyone must have an ID and anyone noticeably intoxicated is not served. He said they also have non-alcoholic beer on tap to serve and the police are also on hand. *Mr. Eversman* asked about past experiences. *Captain Deskins* stated that, in the past, Sertoma has worked with the Department and all problems have been minimal. *Mr. Fulton* asked what the maximum number of beers someone could buy at one time is. *Mr. Tom Standish* said two (2) and reiterated that everyone is carded. *Mr. Fulton* commented that Ms. Chaney said she had cans and bottles in her yard. He asked what the beer was served in. *Mr. Standish* said they serve in 10 oz. cups. *Mr. Brunton* noted that Sertoma takes the responsibility of cleaning up the park.

Mr. Steve Carr, Tournament Founder, publicly thanked Sertoma for bringing control to the situation at Evans Park. He stated that an Alumni Event, by its very nature, is an adult event - with a family atmosphere. This is an atmosphere that they have had for much of the 16 years, with Sertoma's help. As a representative of the 1,200 participants and close to 6,000 spectators, he said he has fielded many concerns and complaints, but, none in this regard. *Mr. Bennett* asked the Safety Director if any special plans were made for this event. Mayor Grossman commented that a pre-event planning session takes place for the Police & Service Departments.

Mr. Radi commented that he appreciates the Sertoma and the Tournament is a great event. He understands the ideas of control and containment, however, he has serious concerns over public consumption and the safety related issues. He said his vote will reflect the safety concerns he has.

Mr. Joe Hull, resident, stated that he sympathizes with Ms. Chaney and understands Mr. Radi's position. However, he disagrees with the safety position. He said this grew out of the Tournament when there were problems with participants bringing coolers and 6-packs. The police had difficulty controlling those issues. This allowed for a designated, legal area. Knowing where alcohol can be consumed helps to limit the involvement and limit, or prohibit, people from bringing their own in. It is easier for police to identify illegal cans and bottles from the designated cups. He feels that safety is better when Sertoma is controlling the beer sales and the amount of alcohol being consumed by certain individuals, rather than an individual working out of his own cooler. He said Sertoma supports and contributes to the DARE Program. They feel DARE teaches responsibility. So long as the State of Ohio allows the drinking of alcohol, it is something we have to deal with. He thinks that they may be supporting, and trying to teach responsibility - enjoy yourself, have fun, but do it in a reasonable and responsible manner. Limit the amount of alcohol. They hope they are helping the problem and not adding to it. He asked that Council look favorably on these two resolutions. *Mr. Fulton* asked if there are off-duty police during the entire Tournament. *Mr. Brunton* answered yes, they are always there. *Mr. Eversman* said there have been comments that the Police do not enforce the rules during this Tournament and asked if any Sertoma member had witnessed this. *Captain Deskins* commented that people may think he has a slighted view, but, he assured Council that extra patrols are provided. Sertoma asked for an officer to stand right with them, at all times, and the Department offered a Special Duty Officer, which Sertoma pays for. They have not received any complaints regarding non-enforcement. In fact, it is the opposite. There is aggressive enforcement. He said alcohol consumption is legal in the State of Ohio; Sertoma applies for a permit to legally sale beer from the State and the police department works within the system. *Mr. Eversman* asked if the City Ordinances were being enforced. *Captain Deskins* said absolutely. *Mr. Radi* asked if there was an estimate of participants during the Homecoming Celebration and the Tournament. *Capt. Deskins* stated that a post report is also done and submitted to Council. The last estimate for the Homecoming was 67,000. *Mr. Steve Carr* stated that for the Tournament, there are 79 teams with 15 players per team. In addition, they estimate 6,000 spectators.

Mr. Fulton noted that Council received two (2) letters regarding this issue, one in favor (William Plank) and one opposing (Kay Clark).

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Fulton moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	No
Mr. Bennett	Yes

4. Resolution CR50-98 (Waive the provisions of Section 528.07(b)3 of the Codified Ordinances for the Annual Homecoming Celebration on July 25, 1997 on the streets of Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Scott McComb, President of the Speech & Hearing Board, explained that this volunteer organization has been in existence since 1981 and provides speech and hearing therapy to children and adults in the southwest quadrant of Franklin County. These services are provided

at a discounted or free rate. Through the years, their funding has changed. This is their only fundraiser and through it, was able provide therapy to 69 children last year. The summer program is in conjunction with the South-Western City Schools and last year, 10 students were discharged early, due to this summer program. He stated that they have a Plan of Action, that was submitted to Council for review. He stated that Shedrow (Town Center Merchant) feels the same was as Planks and the Chamber of Commerce has endorsed this event. He said there are very strict rules of who will be served, how they will be served, and how much they will be served. He said beer sales will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Every person will be carded and then stamped. If stamps look "funny", the person will be carded again. Only those stamped can purchase beer. Anyone appearing to be intoxicated will not be served. They have an insurance policy, holding the City as an additional insured. They are trying to provide a safe and enjoyable evening. The Liquor Board comes down every year to test them and they have passed each year. Again, this is their only fundraiser. Currently, there are 55 students enrolled in the summer program and arrangements have been made with South-Western City Schools for the facilities and their therapists.

Mr. Richard "Ike" Stage, former Mayor, commented that during his tenure, he never condoned outside public consumption of alcohol, but, after going through the first year activity and been a part of what was coming out of the bars and the inability to keep order, this was the best compromise. He said this is a very easy resolution to vote against. However, it does not make the issue go away by voting against it. He commented that although Mr. McComb stated that beer sales would end at 10:30, the resolution states 11:30 and he would suggest changing that, as well as the boundary on Broadway from Grant Ave. to Jackson Alley. He said although he hated to have it in front of him, it is a viable solution and he endorses it.

Mr. Eversman commented that he understood the time difference to be the time people had to finish their last beer, after sales stopped, before it would no longer be legal to have alcohol in the designated area. *Mr. McComb* said yes. He said they shut the trailer down, the band makes an announcement that it is closed, and the clean-up crew moves in, giving the hint that it is time to go. As far as the boundaries, he has spoken with Graters and they are hoping to be under construction at that time. If so, this will eliminate about 6,000 sq. ft. of space used in the past. *Mr. Eversman* asked Captain Deskins if a certain amount of time is needed after the beer truck is shut down. *Captain Deskins* said yes, and Mr. McComb is correct. The clean-up crew has a lot to do with getting people to wind down and disperse.

Mr. Joe Hull also commented that technically, the permit will allow beer inside the area until 11:30 p.m. Beer sales do, and will, stop at 10:30. However, only after 11:30 is the area released and the police can then come forward and cite anyone with an open container. He noted that along with the Chamber, the President of the Visitors & Convention Bureau also supports this. He said the City has many community events for children. This is one adult event where, those who are 23 - 30 yrs. old, who are looking to find a home, are given a reason to come back to Grove City and realize this is a great place to live. Council represents all of Grove City and with 67,000 people downtown for this event, there have been no problems. He feels this number of attendees speaks and says they enjoy the event and want it to continue. He commended the City for hosting this and the Speech & Hearing Center for taking on the responsibility.

Mr. Eversman moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

3. Ordinance C-44-98 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for a Land Use Plan and Appropriate \$55,000.00 from the General Fund) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

Mr. Bennett asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Mr. Bennett noted that several speakers had signed up to speak regarding the street lighting on Park Street. He asked Mr. Jim Blackburn, Dir. of Service, to explain the new lights prior to the speakers.

Mr. Blackburn explained that these new historic-type lights were set on May 20 and turned on for their "burn test". In the next 30 days, these lights will burn down to their "mean lighting level" of 99,000 - 150,000 lumens. They are also looking at some other, potential alternatives for these lights. However, he was not in a position to make any final decisions. Discussions need to take place with the Consulting Engineer and Mayor. He said the lights are exactly the same as those found on the west side of Park Street. The only difference is the lights on the west side have reduced their lumens several times over. When initially installed, they were bright also, but, as time progressed, they reduced. Street trees have also been planted in that area, which also softens the look.

Mr. Kim Murray, Park St. resident, said they agree to the historic significance of the area and certainly don't mind the street lights. They appreciate the City getting the street lights in, however, they are too bright. He said he didn't know what lumens were, but, he knows that it looks like daylight in the middle of the night. He said these lumens may be o.k. for an air or vegas strip, but, not for a residential neighborhood. He said they do not have a problem with the amber colored lights. Before, they had the overhead lights and felt that they gave enough safety to the area. They didn't think safety was an issue before and they certainly don't think safety is an issue now. He said they are basically too bright and is requesting that they be changed to the amber color lighting or something be done.

Mr. Randy Johnson, 12 yr. resident, stated that he enjoys the improvement and seeing the City grow. He appreciates the historical lights, however, the lighting situation is just not correct for the area. He said within the past couple of years lights have been put on Columbus St., Kingston and Grant Ave. He said on Columbus between Arbutus and Haughn there are 10 street lights, approximately 160' apart, and they are amber in color - not the bright white found on

Park. On Kingston, between Arbutus and Haughn, there are 14, approximately 170' apart, with amber colored lights. These were just recently installed. On Park Street, between Arbutus and Haughn, there are 23 lights, approximately 90' apart, with the bright white light. He feels there are too many lights, but, the bright white light is really what concerns him. There are only 20 lights on west Park Street and amber in color. He said there are twice as many lights on this portion of Park St. than the others, with the bright white color. He has asked why Park St. is designated differently than the other streets and no one will answer it. He said they need to work together to come to an agreeable solution.

Ms. Karen Hurley, Park St. resident, thanked the Administration for the street lights. She said they do enhance the area and she is glad they were installed. She said she received Mr. Blackburn's letter stating that there would be a 10 - 12% reduction in the illumination. However, she doesn't feel this is enough. They just purchased their home a year ago and have done a lot of work to it, including the outside. Since the lights have been turned on, they haven't been able to enjoy their front porch. She is not willing to wait the length of time the west Park Street residents had to wait before the lights begin to dim. She asked the Administration to change the wattage of the lights.

Mr. Bennett asked if the amber color was how the lights would appear after the "burn down" time. Mr. Blackburn said the new lights are metal halide vs a high pressure sodium light. The high pressure sodium are the lights that look amber in color. Mr. Eversman stated that he drove the area last night and noticed a significant difference between Grant Ave. and this portion of Park Street. He asked if Park St. would still be more luminous, after the "burn down" time, than Grant Ave. Mr. Bennett asked if there was a shield that could be placed on the units until they have adjusted. Mr. Blackburn said there is a shield available. They are looking at some other changes and haven't received all the information yet. Mr. Eversman said most of the residents would like something more the intensity of Grant Avenue. After driving the area, he doesn't see why the lights need to be any more intensive than Grant Avenue and he would like to see it changed. Mr. Blackburn stated that these lights were chosen to keep the same concept along the length of Park St. They also took into consideration safety.

Ms. Karen Simmons, Park St. resident for over 30 years, stated that, being a single female, she liked having bright lights at night in her neighborhood. She said she has been waiting for years for these street lights to be installed and she is delighted that they are here. She believes that they appropriately decorate, light, and enhance the street. She thanked the City for moving forward with this project. She said one of the lights is outside her bedroom window and, at the moment, it is a little bright. However, she is willing to wait the 30 day "burn down" time it will take to lower the intensity of the bulbs. She said she empathizes with the struggle of some of the residents with the present intensity and the shining into their windows. However, there are options - blinds, shades, draperies, etc. She commented that during the winter, it is dark at 5:30 p.m. and as split-sessions occur this fall, she is confident that these lights will play a major part in the safety of those children walking to and from Park Street Middle School, as well as for her own personal safety. She said she hopes that the Park Street residents can refocus their concerns on this aspect of their neighborhood.

Several other Park Street residents were present to voice their displeasure with the new street lights. Mr. Bennett stated that Council will follow-up on this issue and additional concerns could be provided to Mr. Blackburn. One other comment was made regarding the proactive

approach they tried to take when notice was given about the implementation of these street lights. They were told by Mr. Blackburn to look at the lights on Grant Avenue, as they were the same lights that would be installed. It was a shock to get the bright white lights, currently in place.

Mr. Bennett recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

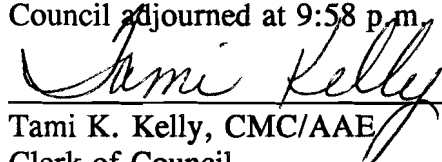
1. Mayor Grossman requested that the Mayor's Report be accepted. Mr. Bennett moved to accept the Mayor's Monthly Report; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

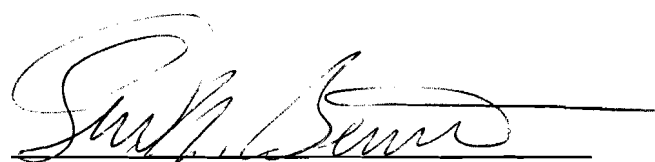
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

In closing, Mayor Grossman welcomed Kroger. She congratulated everyone involved in the Memorial Day Service; expressed congratulations to the GCHS graduating class of 1998; and announced that Sapperstein & Associates will be conducting the City Survey, starting this week.

2. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Lotz, and his wife Janet, for his service. They stated that they will continue to check on the lights on Park Street.
3. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:58 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council


Steven M. Bennett
Temporary Chairman